



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON HEIDELBERG  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Command Environmental Policy Statement

1. The United States Army Garrison – Heidelberg's (UASG – Heidelberg) mission is to support training, mobilization, deployment and redeployment of mission-ready forces. We provide services, facilities and a safe and secure environment for our Soldiers and their families, civilians and local national employees, while transforming for the future. The USAG – Heidelberg will perform this mission in concert with our stewardship responsibilities to protect and conserve the environment. Sound stewardship of all resources is the most cost effective route to mission accomplishment. It is our moral responsibility as members of the U.S. Army community, whether as soldier, civilian or family member, to be careful with our money, supplies and environment. Anything that leaves our community as excess trash or pollution is actually a resource going to waste and wastes precious funding resources essential to the successful completion of our mission priorities.

2. The USAG - Heidelberg is committed to continual improvement in its environmental management program, which includes pollution prevention (P2), preservation of natural and cultural resources, and compliance with all relevant U.S. and Host Nation environmental laws and regulations. To sustain this obligation, the USAG - Heidelberg has initiated an Environmental Management System (EMS), with specific commitment to:

- Integrate sound environmental practices into all our policies, programs, missions and business decisions;
- Continuously improve environmental performance through use of effective environmental management and planning;
- Educate our employees about their responsibilities to the environment and recognize them for outstanding performance;
- Increase communication throughout all levels of our organization about our environmental commitments and performance as outlined in the Environmental Management System;
- Promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources;
- Prevent pollution and minimize waste generation;
- Comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and policies;
- Establish quantifiable goals for environmental performance;

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- Conduct routine management reviews to continually assess our progress toward our environmental goals and update our operating procedure to stay in line with these goals;
- Continue our partnership with the Host Nation agencies to sustain environmental compliance with existing and new regulations and guidelines', and
- Increase our community's awareness of our environmental policies and progress through press releases, public meetings and the world-wide web.

3. All USAG - Heidelberg personnel are expected to be stewards of the environment by being responsible for understanding and implementing current procedures, practices and policies and by bringing deficiencies of operations to the attention of their supervisors, Environmental Compliance Officers (ECO) or Unit Commanders. We pledge to monitor our performance as an ongoing activity and to provide a framework for establishing, accomplishing and assessing environmental objectives and targets through the EMS.

The USAG - Heidelberg Commander has appointed an EMS Coordinator to facilitate the implementation of the EMS Program. The EMS Coordinator has formed an EMS Cross Functional Team (CFT), made up of representatives from the organizations and tenant units of the USAG - Heidelberg, to communicate and coordinate the implementation of the system throughout the Heidelberg Military Community. The CFT will work closely with the USAG - Heidelberg Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC) to ensure that continual improvements are sought for the facility-wide EMS, that environmental aspects and impacts are thoroughly investigated and identified on an annual basis, and that environmental objectives and targets are set appropriately for the command. The members of the CFT and the EQCC will provide installation-wide oversight and support to the EMS implementation effort; all planned actions, such as mission changes, training exercises or construction projects, must be brought to the attention of the DPW and the EQCC so that all environmental aspects and impacts may be identified and minimized.

4. The EMS Coordinator has my full authority to see that the Command's EMS is developed and implemented, and will report regularly to myself and the EQCC on EMS performance. The full cooperation of every Commander, unit, agency, organization, tenant and individual is required to help make the EMS a success in the USAG - Heidelberg.

5. References:

- a) Executive Order 13148 - Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management, 21 April 2000.
- b) Memorandum for the Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Department of the Army, Subject: New Installation Management Requirements, 06 August 2001.
- c) International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 Environmental Management Systems (EMS)

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6. The Point of Contact for questions regarding the Command Environmental Policy is Mr. Daniel Welch, Environmental Division Chief at DSN: 387-3140. This environmental policy is made available through distribution to Unit Commanders and through posting on the USAG - Heidelberg's public web-site.



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